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** NEXT TUESDAY IS DEADLINE FOR MEMBERS' RESERVATIONS **
** TO ANNUAL PICNIC ON ESTATE OF PUBLISHER J. DAVID STERN **

Next Tuesday, July 24, is the deadline for requests for invitations to the OPC's Annual Picnic. The Picnic will be held Saturday, July 28, at the Bellport, L.I., estate of Publisher J. David Stern and Mrs. Stern. The Sterns this year will play host to Club Members and their guests at the day-long fun-fest.

In addition to luncheon, supper and liquid refreshment, Mr. and Mrs. Stern are offering their foreign-correspondent guests such diversions as swimming on the beachfront estate -- either in the Sound or their own private pool - deck tennis, softball and ping pong. The veteran publisher's yacht will also take merry-makers on a voyage past Fire Island.

..... : HOW TO GET TO THE PICNIC :

: By Bus: Members are urged to take advantage:
: of the OPC-chartered bus. It will leave the :
: southeast corner of 40th Street and Broadway :
: at 9:15 AM, returning for arrival at 11 PM. :

: By Private Car: From the Queens-Midtown :
: Tunnel or 59th Street bridge, take Grand :
: Central Parkway. Thence on to Northern State :
: Parkway until you hit Highway 25. Follow 25, :
: turning off on the Cross-Island Parkway. This :
: leads to Patchogue, where a marked road takes :
: you to Bellport. There, ask at any service :
: station for directions to "Bayberry Downs". :

: By Train: Since only one morning through- :
: train goes to Bellport (at 8:30 AM) travel by :
: train is discouraged. Those still wishing to :
: go by train should contact Club Headquarters. :
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Only expense of the entire day will be
: \$2.50 per person to defray service costs
: assumed by the Club. This includes free bus
: transportation to and from Mr. Stern's "Bay-
: berry Downs" estate.

Attendance at the picnic, in consideration
: of Mr. Stern's hospitality, is limited to a
: Member and one guest each.

Guests should dress for comfort and bring
: along swimming suits and towels. All else
: will be provided.

- - - - MOWRER TO SPEAK AT CLUB JULY 30

Veteran Member EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER, just re-
: turned from a world trip for the Reader's Di-
: gest, will speak on "Saving Asia Without
: World War" in the Clubrooms at 5:30 PM, Monday,
: July 30. This will be the Club's last sched-
: uled program event until September.

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SUMMER RENOVATION IMPROVESCLUB HEADQUARTERS SUITE

Painters and plasterers this week are busily transforming Club Headquarters into a brighter, larger place to live in. Most dramatic change has been the removal of the partition separating the two large rooms, thus facilitating the holding of cocktail parties, receptions, etc. in the Clubrooms. The partition, with its window space and door, was ripped down last week.

Meanwhile, painters have been applying a fresh coat of light green paint to several walls, and House Committee members will shortly plan new furniture arrangements and rehang photos and other Club mementos.

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President JOHN DALY the subject of a profile in last Sunday's New York Times -- good except for incomplete reporting; no mention of the OPC...A plug for Past President EUGENE LYONS' American Committee for the Liberation of the Peoples of Russia in last week's issue of This Week magazine...Harper & Brothers, publishers of DAVID DOUGLAS DUNCAN's book, "This Is War!", announces the author has instructed them to turn over all his royalties to the families of Marines who died in Korea. Now in its third week of publication, the book has already rung up 16,000 sales...

It's a girl for the MATTHEW HUTTINERS -- Hilary Susan Huttner, born July 12 and weighing in at 6 pounds 9 ounces! Infant is said to be "screaming like a 164 pt. headline". Congratulations!...Most of June was spent in Michigan and Ohio by GERALDINE FITCH, whose pieces on the MRA World Assembly at Mackinac Island was carried in the July 2 New Leader. She also did the lead article for the June Asia Calling...

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WEDDING BELLS: A "Friday the thirteenth" blending for EUGENE S. JONES, of NBC-TV's Twin "JONES Brothers" cameraman team, and Natalie Reiff, publicity representative for the Ferris Organizations and their agent. In the chambers of Justice Samuel Dickstein of the State Supreme Court. Best wishes!...Another team of OPCers co-authoring a biography of General MacArthur; they're CLARK LEE and Signal Corps Capt. RICHARD L. HENSCHER. Henry Holt will launch it in November...ABC woman commentator PAULINE FREDERICK hitting the soapbox circuit; spoke July 13-14 before the Institute of Public Affairs at Virginia University, on July 18 at Birmingham, Ala., and at Jacksonville State Teachers College, Jacksonville, Ala., July 19...

APARTMENT FOR RENT: Two-and-a-half room midtown Manhattan apartment, completely furnished, full kitchen, available for month of August - only. \$75. Telephone ELLISEVA SAYERS, LE. 2-1744.

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"WISH-WE-WERE-THERE" DEPARTMENT: NBC's WILLIAM F. BROOKS summering in Maine...On Fire Island for a couple of weeks is CHARLES ROBBINS of Coronet... Having bought a new home in Pleasantville, the New York Herald Tribune's travel editor, BEACH CONGER, will do no traveling this summer; he'll be working on the house...ELSIE McCORMICK off on a Maine vacation from July 15 to 30...GERALDINE SARTAIN combining business with pleasure in California....

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CLUB CALENDAR

House Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Monday, July 23, 5:30 PM

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Chairman LARRY BLOCHMAN announces that Jewel de Bonilla and MADELINE ROSS have joined the House Committee.

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: NO BEST-SELLER HONORS YET, BUT CLUB'S "WHO'S WHO" :
: RATES APPLAUSE AND PRAISE AS "MOST USEFUL REFERENCE" :
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Although the 1951 Edition of the Club's "Who's Who In Foreign Correspondence" has been on sale only 11 weeks, it has already won praise and acceptance throughout the world, a Bulletin survey revealed this week. Quotations from typical letters received applauding the 128-page OPC history and roster of Members declare that: "No newsman's library is complete without a copy. I refer to my own at least twice daily"; "Please send me another 'Who's Who'; my editor swiped mine the other day and I can't pry it loose from him"; and, "The Club's book is the most useful reference work on my desk."

While the "Who's Who" was intended primarily as a roster of Club Members, many subscribers have found such text sections as "Club History", "The Overseas Press Club in Action", and "The Overseas Press Club--Wartime" fascinating and informative reading.

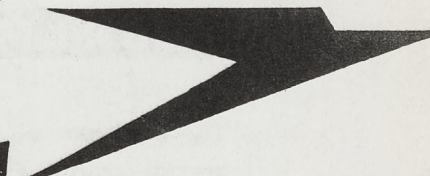
In addition to those sent Stateside subscribers, many "Who's Whos" have been mailed from Club Headquarters to foreign addresses ranging from London to Tokyo. Likewise, the blue-and-gold-bound volume has been in constant demand by public relations organizations, advertising agencies, city desks and libraries.

For those Members who have not yet subscribed, copies are still available at Club Headquarters. Price for Members is \$1 each, while non-members may secure copies for \$2. each. Please send your orders to the OPC, 1475 Broadway, New York 18, N.Y., marked "Attention: Who's Who Department".

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: LILLIAN G. GENN, who is volunteer Publicity Chairman for Manhattan :
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: on the CD publicity committee. For details, please telephone MURRAY :
: Hill 8-6940, Extension 102 :
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NEWSMEN CAUGHT "BLAME FOR STALLING PEACE"
BUT MILITARY WAS HELD REALLY AT FAULT

....OPCers Among Those Permitted
To Enter Kaesong on Second Day...

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Although UN correspondents last week received "blame" for having snarled truce negotiations because of General Ridgway's demand for their presence in Kaesong, informed sources in Tokyo blame the situation on the "lack of realistic aggressiveness by UN military commanders." These sources informed The Bulletin that the Reds rushed a full crew of reporters, still and motion picture cameramen to the scene while Allied newsmen were trying to convince Ridgway's headquarters that they should cover UN truce discussions.

So-called "military barriers" erected by Ridgway's own headquarters, The Bulletin's informant insists, was responsible for the ban on UN correspondents during initial talks between Communists and UN negotiators at Kaesong.

Other indications of official red-tapeism further inconvenienced correspondents. For instance, the names of U.S. liaison personnel were supposedly restricted. Yet, newsmen discovered, Signal Corps photographers had made shots of each for later release before they started their trek to Kaesong. This fact was not "off the record."

Meanwhile, among the five news photographers permitted to enter Kaesong on the second day of the cease-fire conferences was GENE ZENIER of Warner-Pathe Newsreel.

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: The Weekly Yak :In the wake of General Bradley's new book, "A Soldier's Story", which contains several critical references to Britain's General Montgomery comes this presumably untold story about the eccentric Field Marshal. A visitor to his caravan during the war was shown General Montgomery's 'scrapbook.

"Now this is Rommel", his host said, pointing to a photo of the German tank commander in a bellicose pose. "Tough fellow. But we whipped him!"

Turning the page, he came upon a glossy of CLARE BOOTH LUCE who, as a Congresswoman, had called at his command post. "Wonderful woman," Montgomery whispered. "Glamorous, intelligent, witty!"

Then he lowered his voice to a confidential level: "Tell me, is there a Mr. Luce?"

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MEMBERS ON THE MARCH: This week HAL LEHRMAN leaves for Europe and the Middle East to return the end of October...Just back from a trip through the U.S., Mexico and Venezuela with the President of Ecuador and 12 Ecuadorian newsmen is LOUIS GARCIA of Panagra...MADELINE ROSS off August 1 for holidays in Italy and France; back here September 10. Week ago, incidentally, she threw a cocktail party for Lucy Freeman in honor of her book, "Fight Against Fears". Among OPCers present were LARRY BLOCHMAN and MILTON BRACKER....Airborne to London this week via BOAC was The New Yorker's B. MATHIEU. At the Hotel Plaza-Athenee in Paris through August, returning to Manhattan in mid-September....Mutual commentator CECIL BROWN, accompanied by wife-correspondent, Martha, leaves July 24 for a four-month broadcasting trip to Europe, the Balkans, middle East, India and Asia, doing daily recorded reports for his six-times-weekly radio show...

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.....: BANGKOK DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin)-- Your corres-
 : : pondent arrived back in Bangkok from home leave just in time to
 : : run into a hornets' nest. Our recent "unpleasantness" would
 : : THE OVERSEAS TICKER : : probably seem trivial to the lads covering the Korean front, but
 : : it was nevertheless slightly uncomfortable. I shared the dub-
 : : ous privilege of being one of the two "farangs" living across
 : : the river from Bangkok in the area controlled by the insurgent
 Navy. However, any discomfort we had was dwarfed by the frustration felt by ALEXANDER Mac-
 DONALD, AP correspondent and editor of the Bangkok Post, who filed his story at the local post
 office just 20 minutes after the Prime Minister was abducted -- and then had the story held up
 by censorship for 18 hours!

Following the old story about barn doors, etc., correspondents are now flocking into
 Bangkok. Stan Rich of AP was in briefly from Hong Kong; HENRY LIEBERMAN from the New York Times
 is here now, and Seymour Topping is expected from Saigon tomorrow. Things are reasonably quiet
 now except for the usual moppingup process and it will probably be another year or two before
 we hold another "election". One thing does seem to be clear, however--this was purely a local
 embroglio between the ins and the outs and no question of ideology was involved.--(CHARLES L.
 COLTMAN).

(BULLETIN! The Overseas Press Club learned this week that ALEXANDER MacDONALD's Bangkok
Post has been subjected to censorship by the Thailand Government because it published an
 allegedly "inaccurate" news story and because of a dispatch published about Thailand in the
 U.S. No further details were available at presstime.)

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MEXICO CITY DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- Word has been received here that Joe
 McAvoy, long-time Associated Press correspondent on the Latin-American beat, has resigned to
 accept a State Department post in Caracas. Friends in Mexico are taking up a collection to buy
 Joe a black homburg. He is now en route from Buenos Aires to Washington. RICHARD MASSOCK, AP
 chief in Mexico, has been working doubly hard, what with his two principal aides, Bob Allen and
 Larry Stuntz, flitting about the Western Hemisphere. Bob just returned from B.A. when Larry
 left for Washington. Upon returning, Stuntz then demanded (and got!) a week at the Pacific
 resort of Mazanillo where he sat on the ocean-front porch and drank rum concoctions, trying to
 recover from prices on a dinner menu he saw in Washington...

A plane-load of Chicago newsmen flew into Mexico recently, courtesy of Sears, Roebuck.
 The explanation - at every press conference General Wood, Sears' head, always told them of the
 progress his stores were making in Mexico. And they always asked, "When are you going to let
 us see it, instead of just talking about it, General?" They asked once too often, and the
 General retorted, "Get your bags and come out to the airport." Among those here were Tom
 Furlong of the Chicago Tribune, Jim Sutherland of Business Week's Chicago bureau and represen-
 tatives of every other Windy City paper....

The United Press has transferred Bill Coughlan of its San Francisco bureau to the Mexico
 City Office. Bill formerly worked in the Hawaiian Islands...Bill Webb, information officer at
 the U.S. Embassy here, leaves this week for a two-month European vacation, while Forney Rankin,
 public affairs officer, takes off for a country-by-country survey of the public affairs program
 in Latin America...BOB BENJAMIN, Vision chief in Mexico, back from a quick conference in New
 York. Reports Vision circulation has tripled in Ecuador, Peru and Central America.-- (JOHN
 WILHELM).

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TOKYO DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin)-- New arrivals here include Frank Bartholomew,
 United Press; Werner Bischof of McCall's magazine; and MERRILL (Red) MUELLER of NBC...Red came
 from the San Francisco office and is slated to tour Southeast Asia and Italy en route back to
 NBC's Pacific coast headquarters again. Old-timers who returned this past week include KEYES
 BEECH of the Chicago Daily News, minus his bride, and Charlie DeSoria for Telenews, with a
 terrific coat of tan and the usual smile...

Mrs. Bill Bernard, wife of the AP correspondent, also arrived on the same plane with BEECH
 to join her husband before they head for Europe. Jim Pringle, the genial Irishman who takes
 pictures for AP, is slated for Rome in the near future...Bill Stapleton of Collier's plans to
 accompany Governor Dewey to Sidney, Australia, August 8. Dewey is currently in Korea, covered
 by the AP's Bob Tuckman who spent several years covering him in Albany and New York before com-
 ing to Japan recently....

Mrs. GEORGE THOMAS FOLSTER, now on a round-the-world vacation, was given a wonderful VIP
 treatment by Overseas Press Clubbers in Frankfurt, according to a letter received by her husband,
 NBC chief here. Mrs. FOLSTER is extending her junket to include Egypt and India before return-
 ing to Tokyo August 1. Also among recent arrivals is Joseph H. Tobin, well-known in New
 England as radio station owner and newsman, accredited here to the Boston Post -- (JACOBUS
 TenBERGE).

 * HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO-- *
 * THE OVERSEAS TICKER *

A year ago next week, on July 22, The Bulletin published the first dispatches from its own foreign correspondents. In what is believed an innovation for a newsletter of its size and circulation, The Bulletin began running regular exclusive reports written by work correspondents especially for publication here. Since that date, more than 60 Bulletins have appeared, each featuring up-to-date news on Members, professional activities and trends abroad written by The Bulletin's 12 loyal Special Correspondents.

Thus, on the anniversary of establishment of "The Overseas Ticker" department, The Editor wishes to herald the unsung efforts of these Correspondents. They have been responsible for making "The Ticker" what Newsweek's press editor recently termed, "the most interesting feature in The Bulletin". Many items first disclosed by these reporters have been picked up, expanded and reprinted in newspapers and newsmagazines. Others provided valuable tips for members of the working press both here and abroad.

Therefore, when you come to the bottom of this page, read the names of The Bulletin's faithful corps of correspondents. They are the individuals who make this publication worthwhile.

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SHIFTS AND SLOTS: New regional publicity director for the National Association of Manufacturers is LEONARD S. SMITH, promoted from the NAM's publicity staff. He's also Chairman of the Club's Public Relations Committee...BILL DOWNS in New York from Washington for three weeks to sub for vacationing Allan Jackson on CBS-TV's 11PM news roundup...The Bulletin's Vienna correspondent JOSEF ISRAELS II has taken over temporarily as Vienna correspondent for the American Broadcasting Company during Ernie Reed's vacation absence...

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Upped production by Russian aircraft plants, London sources write, will mean 30,000 planes soon for the Red air force. Estimates give 10,000 units to the tactical wing, 1,000 jets to Vassili Stalin's fighter force...Turkey is developing a case of the jitters, according to Middle East circles, fearing the Soviets may zero in on her once Korea is off the agenda....Confidential warnings to its correspondents not to take chances went out last week from a large magazine chain with newsmen in satellite countries, Spain and Argentina....Big Paris story may break soon, if CIC officers give correspondents the nod; they exploded a Communist plot to infiltrate General Eisenhower's headquarters.

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The Editor announces the appointment of CHARLES L. COLTMAN as The Bulletin's Special Correspondent in Bangkok, Thailand.

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Editor: RALPH H. MAJOR, JR. Editorial Board: DONALD G. COE, chairman, VICTOR LASKY, JOHN MOROSO III, CHARLES ROBBINS. Special Correspondents: DAVE RICHARDSON (London), DAVID SCHOENBRUN (Paris), DOROTHY N.S. RUSSELL (Frankfurt), JOSEF ISRAELS II (Vienna), GEORGE AXELLSON (Stockholm), JOSEPH ROSAPEPE (Rome), JACOBUS TenBERGE (Tokyo), EDWARD HUNTER (Hong Kong), CHARLES L. COLTMAN (Bangkok), DAVID BOGUSLAV (Manila), MRS. PERCY WOOD (New Delhi), JOHN WILHELM (Mexico City).

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